



# Family Court Project

Henry County

## Basic Information

Population:	49,000
County Seat:	New Castle
Judicial Officers:	Mary G. Willis; Kit C. Dean Crane; Bob A. Witham
Date of Project Implementation:	2/1/2004
Project Judge/s:	Mary G. Willis
Administrative Contact:	Suzanne Wallace
Project Funding:	Grants through the Division of State Court Administration

## Family Court Mission Statement

Please provide a mission statement for your Family Court Programming

The Mission Statement for the Henry County Family Court Project is to provide a comprehensive and coordinated process to handle multiple conflicts and justiciable issues involving high risk families by providing coordination and continuity of services, thus maximizing family stability and judicial economy.

## Family Court Programming

Please provide a description your Family Court Programming

Henry County uses a "One-Judge, One-Family" which identifies families who have multiple cases pending in the court system and coordinates the family's multiple cases through bundled hearings and family focused case management. The family court administrator monitors all of the family's pending cases, checks for new case filings on any family members. Family Court has also launched Calliope pilot Supervised Visitation program for families that have a determined need with visitation issues. The Family Court also coordinates and directs ADR programming through Circuit No. 1 and Circuit No. 2 Courts. The ADR program uses two local mediators, and will contract with outside mediators when conflict, including JC facilitation. The mediations are provided at no cost to pro se parties that have high conflict in their divorce, paternity, and JC actions.

## Number of Families Served

Please provide an estimate of the number of families served through the Family Court Programming

Henry County has served 30+ families since 2010.

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